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J. Pierpont Morgan now proposes the organization of a \$20,000,000 department store trust.

The Pennsylvania coal miners have decided against a spring strike. Their wives can now proceed with their spring shopping.

Aguinaldo has been expressing surprise at his good treatment since his capture. People on this side are also more or less surprised.

The President has appointed Robt. Mansfield, of Indiana, consul at Valparaiso, Chile, to succeed John F. Caples, of Portland, resigned.

President McKinley has announced to the cabinet that Philander C. Knox, of Pittsburg, has accepted the position of attorney-general.

The collier, Merrimac, of Hobson fame which obstructed the entrance to the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, was blown to pieces with dynamite and the channel cleared of her wreck.

The Navy Department has awarded the contract for the building of the twenty-knot cruiser Milwaukee to the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. The contract price is \$2,865,000.

They have discovered a scandal in the commissary department at Manila, and a number of arrests have been made. This is hardly surprising. Dishonesty is always brought to the surface by opportunities afforded by furnishing supplies for an army.

What was left of the Filipino rebellion at the time of Aguinaldo's capture seems to be disappearing rapidly now that the leader is a prisoner. There is no one to take his place, and the chief men among his followers appreciate the uselessness of further resistance. There will be no leader of a rebellion maintaining headquarters in some part of the archipelago and holding communication with prominent natives. The people will feel secure in their homes against attack, and soon the industries of the islands will be revived. Thus the way will be opened for the complete establishment of civil authority.—Denver Republican.

Washington, April 4.—It is now known that many of the published reports as to the uncertainty of Commissioner Hermann's official tenure were exaggerated. It is learned on the highest authority that it is the desire of the president that Commissioner Hermann continue in his present position until a suitable exchange can be arranged. In view of the known cordial relations existing between the president and Hermann, no exchange would be proffered him inferior to the position he now occupies.

The president has stated to a number of public men when the General Land Office was under discussion, that he was well satisfied with its management, and always felt content when his mind reverted to it. He said there were no scandals there. It was above suspicion. It may be added that Commissioner Hermann has filled this office longer than any other man, save one, since 1876. Mr. Hermann himself makes no comment on the situation, and seems to be satisfied whatever may result.

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Sunday Fish Law Not Enforced.

Astoria, April 5.—Fish Warden Van Dusen, who has returned from Salem, states that the Board of Fish Commissioners has determined to make no effort to enforce the Sunday closing provision of the Oregon law, and that he has been given instructions to that effect. As was pointed out in the The Telegram a few days ago, the Oregon law was rendered impracticable because of the failure of the Washington Legislature to enact a similar provision, and, realizing that endless difficulty would result from an effort on the part of this state to prohibit Sunday fishing, the Oregon board decided that it would be better to pay no attention to the section in question.

The news of this determination on the part of the board was cheerfully received by the fishermen on the lower river, who insist that the Sunday law has never been of the slightest benefit to the industry, owing to the fact that fish which enter the river on Sunday are caught at the Cascades on Thursday. The provision merely made it possible for the wheelmen of the upper river to catch more fish.

Doubtless Representative Hume, of Coos and Curry Counties, will be "hostile" when he learns of the action of the Fish Commission. As will be remembered, the bill passed at the last session of the Legislature was framed by him, and the Sunday clause was inserted at his instance. When the committees from the Legislatures of Oregon and Washington met for the purpose of discussing fishing legislation, Mr. Hume insisted that the Sunday-closed law be incorporated in the Washington bill, and threatened to prevent all legislation bearing on the fishing industry in the Oregon Legislature unless the clause in question were incorporated in the Washington bill. With misgivings as to the probability of their Legislature agreeing to the clause, the gentlemen from Washington promised Mr. Hume the section would be inserted but when the bill went to the engrossing committee it was left out, "by mistake" of course. This knocked out the Oregon law, as both states have concurrent jurisdiction over the river.

Washington, April 10.—The Japanese Minister today received official advice from the Foreign Office at Tokio, entirely dispelling the alarming reports of a Russo-Japanese rupture, and showing that the Japanese government accepted the latest declaration of Russia regarding Manchuria with the same sense of satisfaction that it had been received with in the United States. Mr. Takahira called at the State department and informed Mr. Hay of the gratifying turn of events.

The position of Japan as now defined in the highest official quarters is practically the same as that of the United States. A copy of the recent Russian communication was delivered to Japan at the same time it was given to this government. Although the texts differ slightly, they are alike in all material points. The Japanese government now makes known that it accepts the declaration as made in entire good faith, and, like the United States, is satisfied to leave the Manchuria question in its present status.

The assurance given by Russia are of such a character that the Japanese authorities confidently look forward to a course of action which will remove the perplexities and dangers in which the issue has been involved thus far. As the other powers have already indicated their acceptance, the course of Japan removes the last possibility of division and restores harmonious concert.

Manila, April 10.—Lieutenant Mapes of the 23d infantry, has captured \$40,000 of insurgent funds and has taken prisoner three officers belonging to General Calles' staff, near Manila.

Under the old regulations, cockpits will be re-established in Manila, the privilege of conducting them being granted to the widow of Captain Lara, who commanded the native police of this city. Formerly the municipal revenue derived from cock-fighting amounted to \$60,000 annually.

It is stated that before Aguinaldo is liberated he will be required to obtain the surrender of General Tino, the insurgent leader.

Salem, April 6.—Secretary of State Dunbar submitted some questions recently to Attorney-General Blackburn relative to the act providing for the payment of bounty for the killing of seals, sea lions, etc. (laws of 1901), and whether or not the Master Fish Warden or his deputy can act instead of the Fish commissioner and his deputy, which offices are abolished, according to a former opinion, but are the ones named in the act relating to bounties as being those to act in the premises.

Attorney-General Blackburn holds that "In the act of 1901 (fisheries act, 1901, page 338), the omission of the words 'Fish Commissioner' was not unintentional, for the words 'Master Fish Warden' are deliberately used in lieu thereof, thus showing clearly that the intention to abolish the office of Fish Commissioner and create instead the office of Fish Warden."

Mr. Blackburn holds also that as the Fish Commissioner cannot collect licenses and fines, and the fees therefor, the funds cannot be paid out for bounties, as these bounties can only be paid out of the funds so collected by the Fish Commissioner. He holds that a conflict exists between the two acts, both passed the same day by the Legislative Assembly, and that, therefore the fisheries act, having given the right of collecting the fees and licenses to the State Fish Warden, and covering the entire ground of protecting the fishing industry, takes precedence, and as a result the act providing for bounties for sea lions, etc., is practically invalid and a dead letter. General Blackburn, in including his opinion, says:

"Prior to the act of 1901, no one could have a claim against the State of Oregon for the killing of any of the animals or fowls mentioned in said act. The right, if any now exists, was created by the statute; and the law which created such right also prescribed the remedy for its enforcement—the affidavit set out therein sworn to before one of the officers named, and the delivery to the officer taking such affidavit by the party swearing to the same of the scalp or head of the animal or fowl for the killing of which the claim was made. As this statute gave a new right and prescribed a particular remedy, no other remedy exists, and the remedy prescribed must be strictly pursued."

"As, in my opinion, the offices of Fish Commissioner and Deputy Fish Commissioner have been abolished, and the words 'Master Fish Warden or his deputy' cannot be by you inserted in the act in the place and stead of 'Fish Commissioner and his deputy,' it is my opinion that there is no remedy for the enforcement of any rights against the state which might be claimed to exist under and by virtue of said act for the killing of any of the animals or fowls mentioned therein."

Funston's daring plot to make a prisoner of Aguinaldo seems likely to prove as helpful of the Filipino chief as to his American captor. Aguinaldo in his mountain retreat had full information concerning the military situation. He knew that, as far as fighting was concerned, his game was up. The uncertainties of the war were so few that details had ceased to be interesting. In his position as leader of the insurrection he had the alternative of surrender or flight. He had not behind him a force that could secure any terms except unconditional surrender. In this position Funston appeared before him rather as a deliverer than as a captor. If he had sought out an American general and surrendered to him voluntarily his influence over the Filipinos would have thereby been impaired. But taken as he was by surprise and forced to surrender, he is still in a position to influence the action of his people. The prompt acceptance of amnesty terms and willing declaration of allegiance justify the assumption that the situation had been well thought over. The only information of importance he acquired after his capture was as to the disposition that would be made of him if he took the oath of allegiance. The public is left in the dark as to the assurance he has received, but there is little doubt that future service will shield him from punishment for past offences.

It would be impolitic to make a martyr of Aguinaldo. Whatever

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may be said of his relations with the Americans before the war broke out, it is not claimed that he had recognized the authority of the United States over the islands. He opposed American occupation, but as he was also very active in opposing Spanish authority before the American treaty with Spain he may easily contend that Spain had no power to transfer an allegiance he had renounced. Aguinaldo is, therefore, in a good position to become useful in promoting the interests both of his people and of the United States. The sooner the war is ended the better for both.

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